

TENNESSEE LABOR MARKET REPORT

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DATA FOR MARCH 1986
TENNESSEE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	March 1985				Revised February 1986				Preliminary March 1986			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate
U. S. 1/	114,394,000	105,768,000	8,625,000	7.5	115,725,000	106,685,000	9,041,000	7.8	116,309,000	107,643,000	8,667,000	7.5
TENNESSEE 2/	2,211,900	2,024,500	187,400	8.5	2,243,800	2,046,600	197,200	8.8	2,256,800	2,070,900	185,900	8.2
MSA												
CHATTANOOGA	193,900	178,900	15,000	7.7	199,200	184,400	14,800	7.4	200,800	186,400	14,400	7.2
JOHNSON CITY, KINGSPORT, AND												
BRISTOL	207,000	190,000	17,000	8.2	210,400	192,900	17,500	8.3	212,000	195,400	16,600	7.8
KNOXVILLE	278,000	255,200	22,800	8.2	268,000	244,600	23,400	8.7	269,800	247,000	22,800	8.5
MEMPHIS	408,300	381,500	26,800	6.6	411,800	382,300	29,500	7.2	414,200	385,900	28,300	6.8
NASHVILLE	473,300	450,000	23,300	4.9	484,100	457,800	26,300	5.4	486,600	463,300	23,300	4.8

1/ Error range for these estimates is plus or minus 0.2 percentage points.

2/ Error range for these estimates cannot be computed.

TENNESSEE'S UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL DECREASED

Tennessee's unemployment rate decreased from 8.8 percent to 8.2 percent which is the lowest March rate since 1980. Unemployed persons for March 1986 (185,900) is the lowest for March since 1980. The U.S. unemployment rate decreased from 7.8 percent to 7.5 percent.

The unemployment rate decreased in 77 counties, increased in 15 counties, and remained unchanged in three counties. Williamson County continued to have

the lowest rate at 2.9 percent. Cocke County had the highest rate at 22.7 percent.

Total nonagricultural employment increased from 1,878,900 in February to 1,900,500 in March or 1.1 percent. Nonmanufacturing reached a record employment level of 1,417,500 while manufacturing remained at 483,000. The major employment increases were in trade (+7,000), services (+6,900) and construction (+5,500). The major employment decreases were in electrical and electronic machinery (-1,100), and apparel products (-900).

STATEWIDE

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	March 1985	February 1986	March 1986	Net Change	
				Mar. 1985 to Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986 to Mar. 1986
TOTAL	1831.0	1878.9	1900.5	+69.5	+21.6
Manufacturing	493.3	483.0	483.0	-10.3	0.0
Durable Goods	241.6	235.3	236.6	-5.0	+1.3
Lumber & Wood Products	18.5	18.0	18.7	+0.2	+0.7
Furniture & Fixtures	24.9	25.5	25.3	+0.6	-0.2
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete	14.2	13.9	14.1	-0.1	+0.2
Primary Metal Industries	16.7	17.3	17.3	+0.6	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	39.0	36.7	36.9	-2.1	+0.2
Machinery, Except Electrical	39.4	35.6	36.8	-2.6	+1.2
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	38.4	36.7	35.6	-2.8	-1.1
Transportation Equipment	31.2	32.1	32.3	+1.1	+0.2
Instruments & Related Products	9.0	9.2	9.1	+0.1	-0.1
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	10.5	10.3	10.5	0.0	+0.2
Nondurable Goods	251.7	247.7	246.4	-5.3	-1.3
Food & Kindred Products	36.7	37.6	38.2	+1.5	+0.6
Meat Products	7.5	8.1	8.4	+0.9	+0.3
Dairy Products	2.8	3.2	3.1	+0.3	-0.1
Tobacco Manufactures	2.0	1.8	1.8	-0.2	0.0
Textile Mill Products	23.2	21.8	21.7	-1.5	-0.1
Knitting Mills	11.1	10.7	10.6	-0.5	-0.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	2.3	2.1	2.1	-0.2	0.0
Apparel Products	65.1	62.8	61.9	-3.2	-0.9
Paper & Allied Products	17.6	17.7	17.7	+0.1	0.0
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Indus.	31.1	32.2	31.8	+0.7	-0.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	40.6	39.1	38.7	-1.9	-0.4
Petroleum Refining & Related Indus.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics	23.6	23.5	23.5	-0.1	0.0
Leather & Leather Products	11.0	10.4	10.3	-0.7	-0.1
Nonmanufacturing	1337.7	1395.9	1417.5	+79.8	+21.6
Mining	7.7	6.8	6.8	-0.9	0.0
Construction	77.4	77.3	82.8	+5.4	+5.5
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	90.3	90.5	90.2	-0.1	-0.3
Trade	421.0	449.5	456.5	+35.5	+7.0
Wholesale Trade	114.7	120.4	121.5	+6.8	+1.1
Wholesale Durable Goods	64.7	66.9	67.1	+2.4	+0.2
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	50.0	53.5	54.4	+4.4	+0.9
Retail Trade	306.3	329.1	335.0	+28.7	+5.9
Bldg. Materials & Garden Supp.	12.2	12.9	13.1	+0.9	+0.2
Retail General Merchandise	45.8	46.0	46.9	+1.1	+0.9
Food Stores	53.1	59.5	59.5	+6.4	0.0
Automotive Dir. & Serv. Stations	37.0	38.2	38.3	+1.3	+0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	17.5	19.0	19.0	+1.5	0.0
Furn. & Home Furnishings	12.2	11.8	11.8	-0.4	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	92.9	102.8	106.9	+14.0	+4.1
Miscellaneous Retail	35.7	38.9	39.5	+3.8	+0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	87.3	87.4	87.3	0.0	-0.1
Banking	26.5	26.4	26.5	0.0	+0.1
Insurance Carriers	21.3	22.1	22.2	+0.9	+0.1
Services	349.5	368.9	375.8	+26.3	+6.9
Hotels & other Lodging	24.3	21.7	22.7	-1.6	+1.0
Personal Services	22.3	25.3	26.0	+3.7	+0.7
Business Services	67.7	70.8	72.6	+4.9	+1.8
Health Services	116.1	124.6	125.9	+9.8	+1.3
Hospitals	58.6	64.3	65.4	+6.8	+1.1
Government	304.4	315.5	318.1	+13.7	+2.6
Federal	60.9	61.0	62.2	+1.3	+1.2
State & Local	243.5	254.5	255.9	+12.4	+1.4
State	68.5	71.4	72.0	+3.5	+0.6
Local	175.0	183.1	183.9	+8.9	+0.8

*Data includes all full and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay week which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

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EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

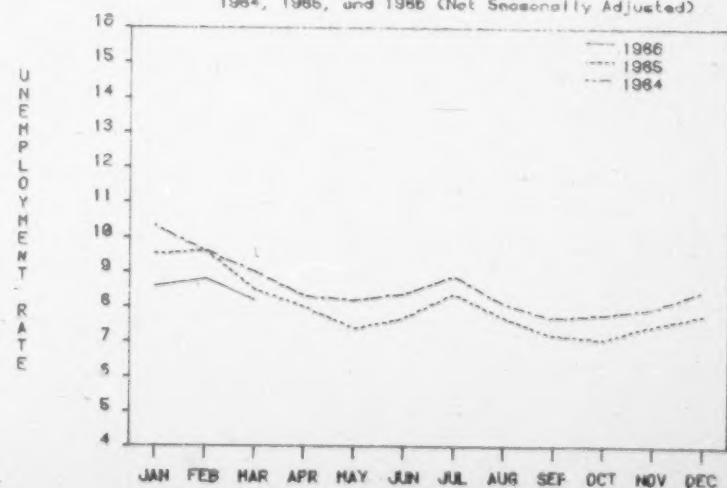
July 1, 1985 through March 31, 1986

	TOTAL	FEMALE	NON-WHITE	VETERAN
New Applications	187,098	91,029	40,684	20,339
Testing	9,881	6,253	1,995	1,094
Enrolled in Training	6,723	3,587	2,340	470
Nonagricultural Placement	62,213	29,449	18,523	8,166
Counseling	4,864	2,420	1,806	1,339

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March 1985	Feb. 1986	March 1986	March 1985	Feb. 1986	March 1986	March 1985	Feb. 1986	March 1986
All Manufacturing	332.93	334.51	347.27	40.7	39.4	41.0	8.18	8.49	8.47
Durable Goods	352.60	350.76	370.77	41.0	39.5	41.8	8.60	8.88	8.87
Lumber & Wood Products	219.78	213.33	234.84	39.5	37.1	40.7	5.55	5.75	5.77
Furniture & Fixtures	273.34	279.74	286.88	39.5	37.6	39.9	6.92	7.44	7.19
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Conc.	480.03	506.21	511.59	45.5	44.6	45.8	10.55	11.35	11.17
Primary Metal Industries	430.03	465.19	471.97	40.8	42.6	43.3	10.54	10.92	10.90
Fabricated Metal Products	382.05	378.01	386.88	41.8	40.3	41.6	9.14	9.38	9.30
Machinery	323.61	334.76	363.79	40.1	39.9	42.9	8.07	8.39	8.48
Instruments & Related Prod.	335.38	317.82	339.60	42.4	38.2	40.0	7.91	8.32	8.49
Nondurable Goods	311.92	316.34	323.61	40.3	39.2	40.3	7.74	8.07	8.03
Food & Kindred Products	316.37	316.32	322.40	39.3	39.1	40.0	8.05	8.09	8.06
Textile Mill Products	239.09	259.78	259.10	38.5	39.6	39.8	6.21	6.56	6.51
Apparel Products	194.39	181.98	197.58	37.6	34.4	37.0	5.17	5.29	5.34
Paper & Allied Products	432.15	462.84	475.18	43.0	45.6	46.0	10.05	10.15	10.33
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	421.23	444.51	439.96	41.5	40.3	39.6	10.15	11.03	11.11
Rubber & Misc. Plastics	406.08	403.62	401.52	43.9	42.0	42.0	9.25	9.61	9.56
Leather & Leather Products	246.08	201.83	247.29	42.5	35.1	42.2	5.79	5.75	5.86

TENNESSEE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1984, 1985, and 1986 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



CHATTANOOGA MSA

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	March 1985	February 1986	March 1986	Net Change	
				Mar. 1985 to Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986 to Mar. 1986
TOTAL	173.1	177.3	179.4	+6.3	+2.1
Manufacturing	43.9	43.2	44.0	+0.1	+0.8
Durable Goods	17.9	16.8	17.4	-0.5	+0.6
Lumber & Wood Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete	1.7	1.6	1.6	-0.1	0.0
Primary Metal Industries	4.1	3.7	3.7	-0.4	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	4.6	4.0	4.1	-0.5	+0.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	2.3	2.2	2.5	+0.2	+0.3
All Other Durable Goods	4.6	4.6	4.8	+0.2	+0.2
Nondurable Goods	25.9	26.4	26.6	+0.7	+0.2
Food & Kindred Products	5.8	6.1	6.2	+0.4	+0.1
Textile Mill Products	10.7	11.4	11.7	+1.0	+0.3
Knitting Mills	2.7	2.4	2.5	-0.2	+0.1
Apparel Products	1.2	1.4	1.3	+0.1	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.5	1.4	1.4	-0.1	0.0
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	2.0	2.1	2.1	+0.1	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	3.3	2.8	2.7	-0.6	-0.1
All Other Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.2	1.2	-0.1	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	29.3	34.1	35.4	+6.1	+1.3
Mining	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Construction	6.2	5.8	6.9	+0.7	+1.1
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	8.1	8.1	8.1	0.0	0.0
Trade	39.6	39.3	39.4	-0.2	+0.1
Wholesale Trade	9.9	10.1	10.1	+0.2	0.0
Wholesale Durable Goods	6.1	6.1	6.1	0.0	0.0
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	3.8	4.0	4.0	+0.2	0.0
Retail Trade	29.7	29.2	29.3	-0.4	+0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	10.1	10.8	10.8	+0.7	0.0
Services	33.1	39.4	39.2	+6.1	-0.2
Government	31.2	29.8	30.1	-1.1	+0.3
Federal	8.3	8.3	8.3	0.0	0.0
State & Local	22.9	21.6	21.8	-1.1	+0.2
State	5.4	4.8	4.8	-0.6	0.0
Local	17.5	16.7	17.0	-0.5	+0.3

Includes Hamilton, Marion, and Sequatchie Counties in Tennessee and Catoosa, Dade, and Walker Counties in Georgia.

* Data includes all full and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay week which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

Numbers may not add due to rounding.

The Chattanooga MSA unemployment rate decreased from 7.4 percent to 7.2 percent. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 2,100 jobs. Manufacturing employment increased by 800. The largest increases occurred in the nonelectrical machinery (+300) and textile mill products (+300) industries. Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 1,300. The largest increase occurred in construction (+1,100) due to lower interest rates and seasonal factors.

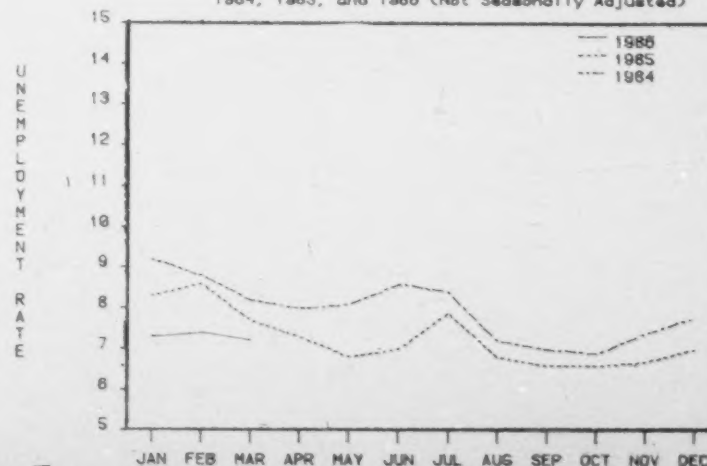
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	July 1, 1985 through March 31, 1986			
	TOTAL	FEMALE	NON-WHITE	VETERAN
New Applications	11,578	5,080	3,121	1,642
Testing	1,236	981	340	75
Enrolled in Training	252	96	103	21
Nonagricultural Placement	4,021	1,456	1,473	741
Counseling	465	179	121	129

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March 1985	Feb. 1986	March 1986	March 1985	Feb. 1986	March 1986	March 1985	Feb. 1986	March 1986
All Manufacturing	305.02	309.22	303.23	40.4	41.9	41.2	7.55	7.38	7.36
Durable Goods	346.52	350.70	363.58	41.8	41.8	43.7	8.29	8.39	8.32
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Conc.	414.24	370.96	376.47	41.8	43.9	44.5	9.91	8.45	8.46
Iron & Steel Foundries	329.50	389.85	381.67	37.7	42.7	43.1	8.74	9.13	8.86
Fabricated Metal Products	456.21	439.79	441.46	46.6	44.2	45.7	9.79	9.95	9.66
Machinery, Except Elect.	407.52	426.02	427.80	48.0	48.8	49.4	8.49	8.73	8.66
Nondurable Goods	275.41	283.50	265.32	39.4	42.0	39.6	6.99	6.75	6.70
Textile Mill Products	226.39	269.50	242.84	39.1	45.6	41.3	5.79	5.91	5.88
Knitting Mills	218.18	228.80	225.74	41.4	41.3	40.6	5.27	5.54	5.56
Paper & Allied Products	418.50	468.96	476.22	45.0	48.0	48.2	9.30	9.77	9.88
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	457.80	367.63	319.68	42.0	36.8	34.3	10.90	9.99	9.32

CHATTANOOGA MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1984, 1985, and 1986 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



JOHNSON CITY, KINGSPORT AND BRISTOL MSA

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)*

INDUSTRY	March 1985	February 1986	March 1986	Net Change	
				Mar. 1985 to	Feb. 1986 to
				Mar. 1986	Mar. 1986
TOTAL	149.2	151.3	152.3	+3.1	+1.0
Manufacturing	52.4	51.5	51.3	-1.1	-0.2
Durable Goods	20.7	19.8	19.7	-1.0	-0.1
Lumber & Wood Products and Furniture & Fixtures	1.8	1.7	1.7	-0.1	0.0
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.6	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0
Machinery and Trans. Equipment	10.3	9.6	9.5	-0.8	-0.1
All Other Durable Goods	3.8	3.7	3.7	-0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	31.7	31.7	31.6	-0.1	-0.1
Food & Kindred Products	2.5	2.4	2.5	0.0	+0.1
Textile Mill Products	2.6	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel Products	4.5	4.1	4.0	-0.5	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products and Printing, Publishing, & Allied	6.3	6.2	6.1	-0.2	-0.1
All Other Nondurable Goods	15.8	16.4	16.4	+0.6	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	96.8	99.8	101.0	+4.2	+1.2
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Construction	5.4	5.4	5.8	+0.4	+0.4
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	5.5	5.4	5.5	0.0	+0.1
Trade	32.5	32.9	33.0	+0.5	+0.1
Wholesale Trade	6.1	6.2	6.1	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	26.4	26.7	26.9	+0.5	+0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	4.8	4.7	4.7	-0.1	0.0
Services	24.7	24.4	24.9	+0.2	+0.5
Government	23.8	26.9	27.0	+3.2	+0.1
Federal	4.2	4.5	4.6	+0.4	+0.1
State & Local	19.6	22.4	22.4	+2.8	0.0
State	5.0	5.3	5.4	+0.4	+0.1
Local	14.6	17.1	17.0	+2.4	-0.1

Includes Washington, Carter, Unicoi, Sullivan, and Hawkins Counties in Tennessee and Washington County, Scott County, and Bristol City in Virginia.

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The Johnson City MSA unemployment rate decreased from 8.3 percent to 7.8 percent. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 1,000 jobs. Manufacturing employment decreased by 200 with the only increase occurring in food products. No manufacturing industry reported a change greater than 100. Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 1,200 jobs. The largest increases were reported in services (+500) and construction (+400).

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

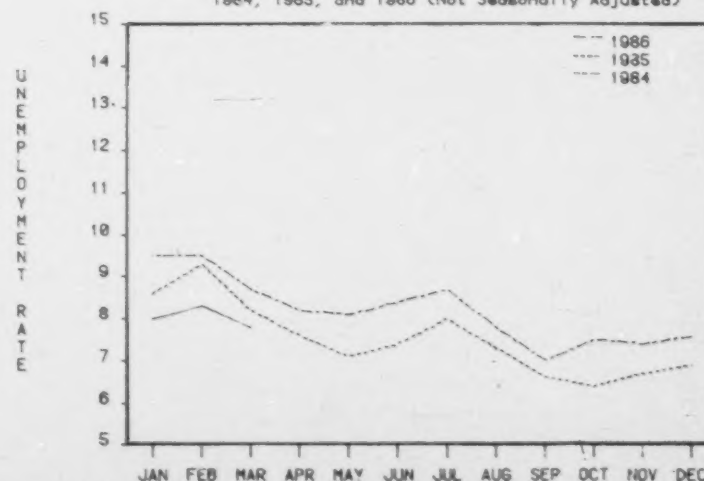
July 1, 1985 through March 31, 1986

	TOTAL	FEMALE	NON-WHITE	VETERAN
New Applications	13,320	6,300	390	1,630
Testing	371	284	20	21
Enrolled in Training	125	51	7	7
Nonagricultural Placement	2,768	1,185	202	516
Counseling	83	29	4	27

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March 1985	Feb. 1986	March 1986	March 1985	Feb. 1986	March 1986	March 1985	Feb. 1986	March 1986
All Manufacturing	356.45	394.24	388.29	41.4	44.0	43.0	8.61	8.96	9.03
Durable Goods	333.48	354.48	357.40	42.0	44.2	44.9	7.94	8.02	7.96
Fabricated Metal Prod.	406.62	354.42	362.82	42.4	39.6	41.8	9.59	8.95	8.68
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	343.12	390.82	383.33	42.1	47.2	47.5	8.15	8.28	8.07
Nondurable Goods	372.28	419.60	407.83	41.0	43.8	41.7	9.08	9.58	9.78
Food & Kindred Products	308.87	357.43	352.77	38.9	42.5	41.6	7.94	8.41	8.48
Apparel Products	189.47	229.69	235.73	38.2	44.6	44.9	4.96	5.15	5.25

JOHNSON CITY-KINGSPORT-BRISTOL MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1984, 1985, and 1986 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



KNOXVILLE MSA

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)*

INDUSTRY	March 1985	February 1986	March 1986	Net Change	
				Mar. 1985 to Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986 to Mar. 1986
TOTAL	231.6	228.0	229.4	-2.2	+1.4
Manufacturing	51.3	48.5	48.4	-2.9	-0.1
Durable Goods	30.2	28.3	28.4	-1.8	+0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	1.7	1.3	1.3	-0.4	0.0
Furniture & Fixtures	2.2	1.8	1.8	-0.4	0.0
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete	1.6	1.6	1.5	-0.1	-0.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	2.9	2.5	2.7	-0.2	+0.2
All Other Durable Goods	21.8	21.1	21.1	-0.7	0.0
Nondurable Goods	21.1	20.2	20.0	-1.1	-0.2
Food & Kindred Products	4.0	3.8	3.8	-0.2	0.0
Textile Mill Products	3.5	3.0	2.9	-0.6	-0.1
Apparel Products	7.8	7.6	7.5	-0.3	-0.1
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	2.6	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0
All Other Nondurable Goods	3.3	3.2	3.2	-0.1	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	180.3	179.5	181.0	+0.7	+1.5
Mining	2.0	1.6	1.5	-0.5	-0.1
Construction	10.4	10.8	11.1	+0.7	+0.3
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	8.7	8.8	8.6	-0.1	-0.2
Trade	54.9	53.1	53.6	-1.3	+0.5
Wholesale Trade	13.4	13.1	13.0	-0.4	-0.1
Wholesale Durable Goods	9.0	8.7	8.5	-0.5	-0.2
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	4.5	4.4	4.5	0.0	+0.1
Retail Trade	41.4	40.0	40.6	-0.8	+0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	8.7	8.4	8.4	-0.3	0.0
Services	48.4	48.6	49.4	+1.0	+0.8
Government	47.2	48.2	48.4	+1	+0.2
Federal	8.5	7.2	7.2	-1.3	0.0
State & Local	38.7	41.0	41.2	+2.5	+0.2
State	18.7	19.0	19.1	+0.4	+0.1
Local	20.0	22.0	22.1	+2.1	+0.1

Includes Anderson, Blount, Grainger, Jefferson, Knox, Sevier, and Union Counties.

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Numbers may not add due to rounding.

The Knoxville MSA unemployment rate decreased from 8.7 percent to 8.5 percent. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 1,400 jobs. The increase occurred in nonmanufacturing (+1500) due to seasonal increases in services (+800) and trade (+500). Manufacturing employment declined slightly (-100) due to layoffs in the apparel and textile industry.

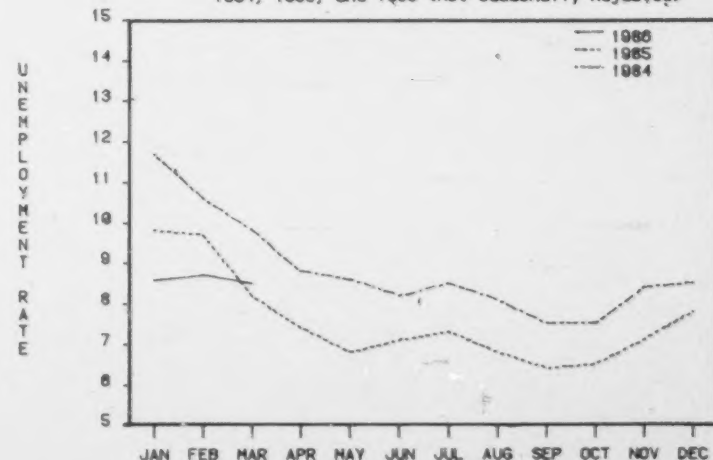
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	July 1, 1985 through March 31, 1986			
	TOTAL	FEMALE	NON-WHITE	VETERAN
New Applications	18,199	8,837	1,638	2,318
Testing	706	466	90	64
Enrolled in Training	451	223	64	45
Nonagricultural Placement	5,915	2,843	2,033	2,077
Counseling	318	142	29	88

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March 1985	Feb. 1986	March 1986	March 1985	Feb. 1986	March 1986	March 1985	Feb. 1986	March 1986
All Manufacturing	354.14	337.13	345.22	40.8	37.5	38.4	8.68	8.99	8.99
Durable Goods	417.79	400.72	402.05	41.0	38.2	38.4	10.19	10.49	10.47
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Conc.	350.69	348.80	363.60	41.6	40.0	40.9	8.43	8.72	8.89
Machinery, Except Elect.	404.02	402.43	384.29	45.6	43.6	41.1	8.86	9.23	9.35
Nondurable Goods	270.54	253.64	268.80	40.5	36.6	38.4	6.68	6.93	7.00
Food & Kindred Products	290.11	290.90	312.61	42.6	40.8	43.6	6.81	7.13	7.17
Textile Mill Products	201.12	208.13	221.55	37.4	37.1	38.8	5.38	5.61	5.71
Apparel Products	250.72	210.40	225.18	40.9	34.1	35.8	6.13	6.17	6.29

KNOXVILLE MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1984, 1985, and 1986 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



MEMPHIS MSA

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	March 1985	February 1986	March 1986	Net Change	
				Mar. 1985 to Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986 to Mar. 1986
TOTAL	382.3	380.8	383.1	+0.8	+2.3
Manufacturing	52.8	49.8	50.0	-2.8	+0.2
Durable Goods	23.4	21.1	21.6	-1.8	+0.5
Lumber & Wood Products	2.5	2.6	2.7	+0.2	+0.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Furniture & Fixtures	2.6	1.9	1.9	-0.7	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	4.8	4.6	4.6	-0.2	0.0
Machinery, Except Electrical	4.4	3.7	3.8	-0.6	+0.1
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	2.7	2.6	2.7	0.0	+0.1
All Other Durable Goods	6.4	5.7	5.9	-0.5	+0.2
Nondurable Goods	29.4	28.7	28.4	-1.0	-0.3
Food & Kindred Products	8.1	8.0	7.9	-0.2	-0.1
Bakery Products	1.4	1.3	1.3	-0.1	0.0
Apparel Products	1.8	1.9	2.0	+0.2	+0.1
Paper & Allied Products	5.8	5.5	5.5	-0.3	0.0
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	4.6	4.7	4.6	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	6.7	6.5	6.3	-0.4	-0.2
All Other Nondurable Goods	2.4	2.1	2.1	-0.3	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	329.5	331.0	333.1	+3.6	+2.1
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Construction	17.0	16.6	16.6	-0.4	0.0
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	32.1	32.9	33.1	+1.0	+0.2
Trade	106.4	102.8	103.8	-2.6	+1.0
Wholesale Trade	34.8	34.6	34.5	-0.3	-0.1
Wholesale Durable Goods	21.3	21.6	21.5	+0.2	-0.1
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	13.5	13.0	13.0	-0.5	0.0
Retail Trade	71.6	68.2	69.3	-2.3	+1.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	21.7	23.1	23.1	+1.4	0.0
Services	86.4	86.7	86.8	+0.4	+0.1
Government	65.8	68.8	69.6	+3.8	+0.8
Federal	16.9	17.5	17.8	+0.9	+0.3
State & Local	48.9	51.3	51.8	+2.9	+0.5
State	13.2	13.6	13.7	+0.5	+0.1
Local	35.7	37.7	38.1	+2.4	+0.4

Includes Shelby and Tipton Counties in Tennessee and Crittendon County in Arkansas.

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Numbers may not add due to rounding.

The Memphis MSA unemployment rate decreased from 7.2 percent to 6.8 percent. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 2,300 jobs. Manufacturing employment increased by 200 due to seasonal recalls in the apparel, machinery and lumber industries. Nonmanufacturing employment increased 2,100. The largest increase occurred in trade (+1,000).

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

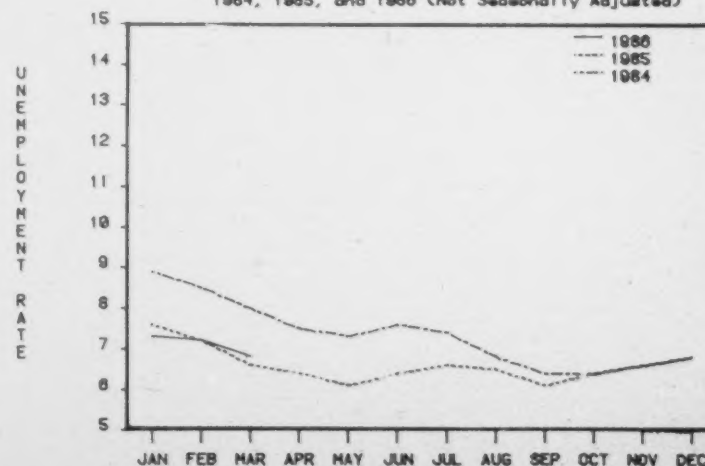
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	TOTAL	FEMALE	NON-WHITE	VETERAN
New Applications	28,079	13,234	17,381	3,104
Testing	1,134	932	779	96
Enrolled in Training	501	245	428	21
Nonagricultural Placement	9,995	4,373	6,783	1,156
Counseling	1,422	1,044	1,074	223

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March 1985	Feb. 1986	March 1986	March 1985	Feb. 1986	March 1986	March 1985	Feb. 1986	March 1986
All Manufacturing	345.58	367.08	380.16	40.8	42.0	44.0	8.47	8.74	8.64
Durable Goods	303.56	342.88	356.29	40.1	42.7	45.1	7.57	8.03	7.90
Lumber & Wood Products	208.24	203.07	207.08	41.4	38.1	39.9	5.03	5.33	5.19
Furniture & Fixtures	216.17	202.58	193.50	37.4	36.9	36.1	5.78	5.49	5.36
Nondurable Goods	384.70	387.92	401.54	41.5	41.4	42.9	9.27	9.37	9.36
Food & Kindred Products	353.68	379.05	406.30	40.1	39.9	42.5	8.82	9.50	9.56
Paper & Allied Products	425.30	485.50	491.53	43.8	50.0	49.8	9.71	9.71	9.87
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	481.66	469.94	477.77	42.7	40.9	41.8	11.28	11.49	11.43

MEMPHIS MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1984, 1985, and 1986 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



NASHVILLE MSA

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT(in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	March 1985	February 1986	March 1986	Net Change	
				Mar. 1985 to Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986 to Mar. 1986
TOTAL	423.0	426.5	428.9	+5.9	+2.4
Manufacturing	90.1	90.4	90.0	-0.1	-0.4
Durable Goods	50.9	52.2	52.1	+1.2	-0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	2.2	2.2	2.3	+0.1	+0.1
Furniture & Fixtures	5.4	5.3	4.7	-0.7	-0.6
Fabricated Metal Products	7.3	7.1	7.3	0.0	+0.2
Machinery	15.5	16.1	16.2	+0.7	+0.1
Transportation Equipment	12.9	14.1	14.1	+1.2	0.0
All Other Durable Goods	7.7	7.4	7.5	-0.2	+0.1
Nondurable Goods	39.2	38.2	37.9	-1.3	-0.3
Food & Kindred Products	6.8	7.0	7.3	+0.5	+0.3
Textile Mill Products	1.6	1.5	1.5	-0.1	0.0
Apparel Products	4.9	4.7	4.7	-0.2	0.0
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	12.1	12.3	12.2	+0.1	-0.1
Petroleum and Rubber	4.3	4.5	4.4	+0.1	-0.1
Leather & Leather Products	2.8	2.3	2.0	-0.8	-0.3
All Other Nondurable Goods	6.5	5.9	5.8	-0.7	-0.1
Nonmanufacturing	332.9	336.1	338.9	+6.0	+2.8
Mining	0.5	0.6	0.8	+0.3	+0.2
Construction	23.1	24.8	26.5	+3.4	+1.7
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	22.5	20.3	20.4	-2.1	+0.1
Trade	101.4	101.8	103.3	+1.9	+1.5
Wholesale Trade	26.1	27.5	28.0	+1.9	+0.5
Wholesale Durable Goods	16.1	16.8	17.1	+1.0	+0.3
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	10.0	10.7	10.9	+0.9	+0.2
Retail Trade	75.2	74.3	75.3	+0.1	+1.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	27.9	29.6	29.5	+1.6	-0.1
Services & Miscellaneous	95.1	95.1	94.3	-0.8	-0.8
Government	62.4	63.9	64.1	+1.7	+0.2
Federal	9.3	9.4	9.3	0.0	-0.1
State & Local	53.1	54.5	54.8	+1.7	+0.3
State	22.5	22.7	22.9	+0.4	+0.2
Local	30.6	31.8	31.9	+1.3	+0.1

Includes Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson Counties.

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The Nashville MSA unemployment rate decreased from 5.4 percent to 4.8 percent. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 2,400 jobs. Manufacturing employment decreased by 400 with the largest decreases occurring in furniture and fixtures (-600) and leather (-300) due to a strike and plant closing. Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 2,800 with the largest increases occurring in construction (+1,700) and trade (+1,500) due to seasonal factors.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

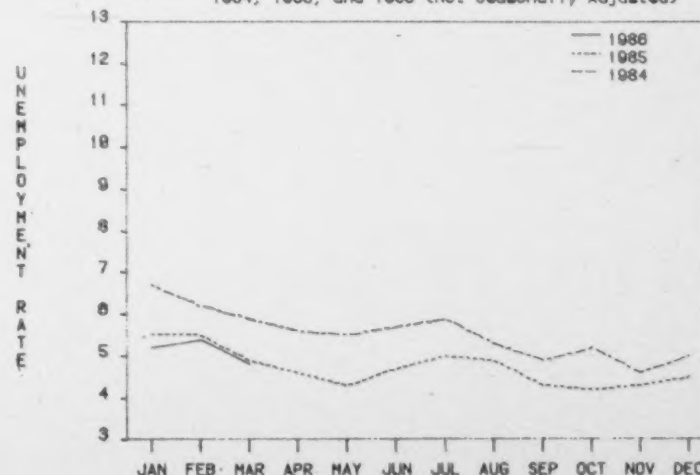
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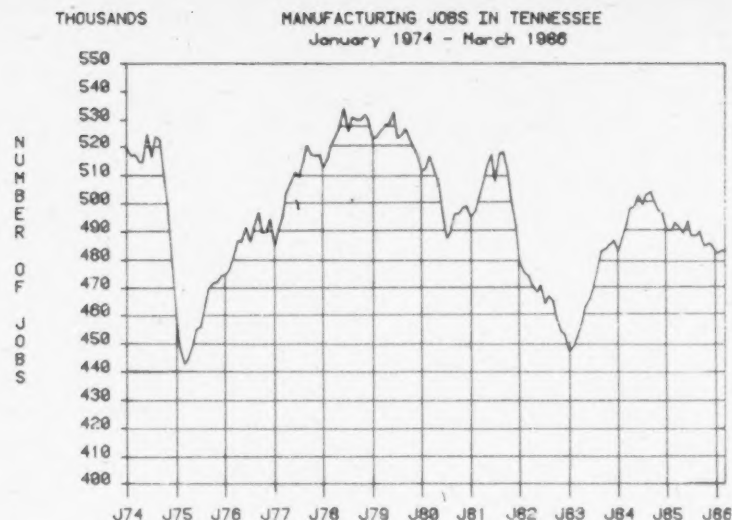
	TOTAL	FEMALE	NON-WHITE	VETERAN
New Applications	33,852	15,446	7,980	3,372
Testing	2,224	909	425	443
Enrolled in Training	1,090	681	572	79
Nonagricultural Placement	11,411	4,704	3,799	1,520
Counseling	649	235	206	223

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

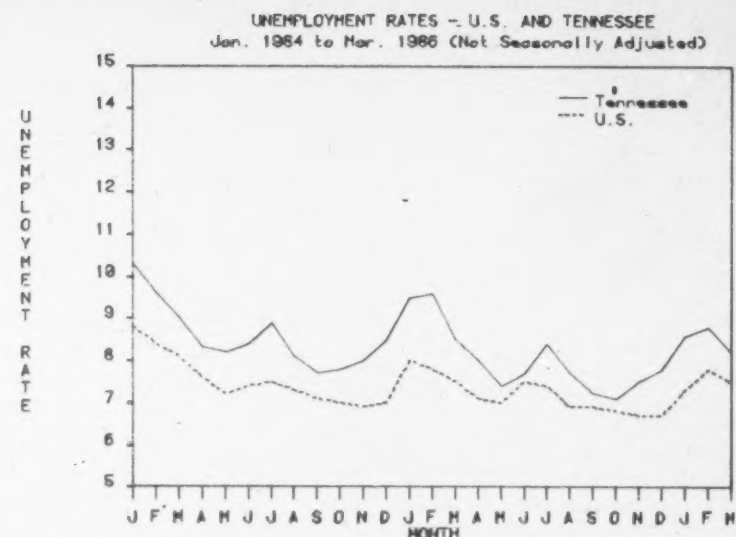
	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March 1985	Feb. 1986	March 1986	March 1985	Feb. 1986	March 1986	March 1985	Feb. 1986	March 1986
All Manufacturing	376.58	347.02	368.14	40.8	36.8	39.5	9.23	9.43	9.32
Durable Goods	394.88	367.83	390.45	40.5	36.6	39.4	9.75	10.05	9.91
Nondurable Goods	345.24	310.06	328.25	41.1	37.0	39.5	8.40	8.38	8.31
Food & Kindred Products	360.59	314.44	343.47	40.2	37.3	39.8	8.97	8.43	8.63
Printing & Publishing	369.09	354.56	349.85	41.8	37.8	37.1	8.83	9.38	9.43

NASHVILLE MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1984, 1985, and 1986 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)





CPI-U (All Urban Consumers)



	March 1985	Feb. 1986	March 1986	Percent Change Mar. 1985 to Mar. 1986	Percent Change Feb. 1986 to Mar. 1986
(1967=100) All Items	318.8	327.5	326.0	2.3	-0.5

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